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In re the Application of
ALEXANDER et al.

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Title: ASSESSING THE CONDITION OF A JOINT
AND PREVENTING DAMAGE

Examiner: J. Foreman

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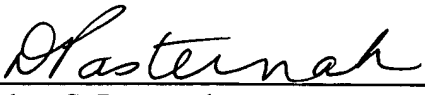
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